

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Compagnucci *
Serial No. (to be assigned) *
Filed: (concurrently herewith) * Art Unit: (to be assigned)
For: MULTI-PURPOSE ELEMENT FOR * Examiner: (to be assigned)
SLIDING METAL RACKS LOCATED *
INSIDE FURNITURE *

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 2327
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend claim 6 as follows:

6. Multi-purpose element for sliding metal racks according to claim 1,
characterised by the fact that the bar (1) has a front end (1d) on an upper wall, a seat (9) being
provided on the upper wall in which a special bracket (1) is fitted and tightened on an internal
face of a front panel (11) to obtain a drawer with the metal rack as internal compartment.

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been amended to remove a multiple dependent claim.

Date

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Respectfully submitted,



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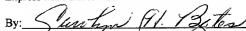
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
IN CLAIMS**

Docket No. 02-003-PCT-PA
Inventor: Compagnucci

6. (amended) Multi-purpose element for sliding metal racks according to [the previous claims] claim 1, characterised by the fact that [on its] the bar (1) has a front end (1d) on [the] an upper wall, [the bar (1) is provided with] a seat (9) being provided on the upper wall in which a special bracket (1) [can be] is fitted and tightened on [the] an internal face of a front panel (11) to obtain a drawer with the metal rack as internal compartment.

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